**American Government**

**Topic 1, Lesson 1 focus questions**

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***Instructions: Read Topic 1, Lesson 1 (all texts) in your e-book. Answer the following focus questions.***

1. Define:

a) government -

b) public policies –

2. What three basic kinds of power does every government possess and exercise?

a)

b)

c)

3. Define:

a) constitution –

b) state

c) country

4. How old is government? What are the first evidences of government?

5) Explain the four characteristics of a state:

a)

b)

c)

d)

6. Explain the four most widely accepted explanations for the origin of the state.

a)

b)

c)

d)

7. What are the “purposes of government”?

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)